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CIVIL AVIATION
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DECREASE IN TRAFFIC ON SCHEDULED AIRLINES
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether International Air Traffic Association has released its annual compilation of data for the year 2002;

(b) if so, whether international air traffic on scheduled airlines has recorded a decrease;

(c) if so, the extent of decrease; and

(d) whether this has caused several unviable flights to be pruned off?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK)
(a), (b) and (c): According to the International Air Transport Association (IATA), international passenger traffic on IATA carriers witnessed a net increase of 0.06% during the year 2002. During the same period, international freight traffic increased by 6.5%.
(d): Does not arise in view of the above. However, restructuring/redeployment of capacity to more high-yielding sector is a continuous process followed by airlines world-over.